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Community Forest Management
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allocated/sanctioned fund for community forest management;
(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
(c) the targets fixed for the next two years and the names of the areas covered under the same, State-wise; and
(d) whether any International financial institute is providing any loan for such scheme and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a), (b & (c) The local communities are involved in the forest management through the Joint Forest Management (JFM) wherein the State forest department and the local communities enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to jointly manage the forest area. The Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change is implementing the National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme for the eco-restoration of degraded forests and adjoining areas through people's participation throughout the country. The scheme is being implemented through a decentralized mechanism of State Forest Development Agency (SFDA) at State level, Forest Development Agency (FDA) at Forest Division level and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) at village level. As on 31/3/2015, about 800 FDAs and 42,500 JFMCs have been involved in 28 States. The State-wise approved area and fund released during the last three years under NAP is given in the Annexure. NAP is a demand driven programme wherein prior allocation of targets/funds to the States is not made and activities are sanctioned for a particular year based on the proposal received from the States.

(d) No International Financial Institute is providing any loan for community forest management as such. However Joint Forest Management involving local communities is one of the components of most of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) funded projects being implemented in several States of the country.

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